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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

DEBRA SLEDGE, JOAN SLEDGE,
KATHY SLEDGE LIGHTFOOT and KIM
SLEDGE ALLEN, jointly d/b/a "SISTER
SLEDGE"; RONEE BLAKLEY; and
GARY WRIGHT, on behalf of themselves
and all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,
v.
WARNER MUSIC GROUP CORP.,
Defendant.

CASE NO. 12-CV-0559-RS

**JOINT STATEMENT/STIPULATION AND
[PROPOSED] SCHEDULING ORDER**

Judge: Hon. Richard Seeborg

1 Plaintiffs in the above captioned consolidated action and Defendant Warner Music Group
 2 Corp. ("WMG") together submit this joint statement/stipulation.

3 On August 31, 2012, this Court granted a stay of the proceedings to allow the parties to
 4 participate in settlement discussions and set a further status conference on March 14, 2013. The
 5 Court instructed the parties to inform the Court as to the status of those settlement discussions on
 6 February 28, 2013. The Court's order provided that if, at the time of the filing of the joint
 7 statement, "the parties agree that further settlement discussions would be fruitful" they could "file
 8 a joint statement/stipulation seeking additional time for further settlement negotiations." Stay
 9 Order at 3.

10 Over the course of the last six months, the parties have diligently participated in
 11 settlement discussions. The parties have exchanged information and analysis to facilitate those
 12 negotiations. They have participated in two full day mediation sessions with the Honorable
 13 Daniel Weinstein (Ret.) and held additional phone conferences with and without the mediator.
 14 Further, the parties are currently scheduled for an in-person settlement meeting on March 6, 2013.
 15 While the parties have not reached a settlement at this juncture, the negotiations are constructive
 16 and progress has been made. All parties are committed to continuing the settlement discussions
 17 at this time.

18 For these reasons, the parties jointly file this statement/stipulation to inform the court that
 19 they believe further settlement discussions would be fruitful and to seek additional time for
 20 continued negotiations.

21 Accordingly, the parties hereby agree and stipulate, subject to the approval of the Court, to
 22 the following:

- 23 1. A further Case Management Conference to be set in 60 days, subject to the
 24 schedule of the Court; ~~and~~ May 2, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.
- 25 2. Fourteen days before the Case Management Conference—or before that date if
 26 Plaintiffs and/or WMG believe that settlement cannot be reached—the parties shall
 27 file a joint statement/stipulation with the Court alerting the Court to the fact that
 28 settlement could not be reached and resetting a schedule for WMG's response to

the Amended Complaint (which deadline for WMG's response shall be no sooner than 30 days from the date of the joint statement) and subsequent dates and deadlines. In the alternative, if the parties agree that further settlement discussions would be fruitful, the parties can instead file a joint statement/stipulation seeking additional time for further settlement negotiations.

Dated: February 28, 2013

Respectfully Submitted,

By: /s/ *Tamerlin J. Godley*

Tamerlin J. Godley

MUNGER, TOLLES & OLSON LLP

*Attorneys for Defendant
Warner Music Group Corp.*

Dated: February 28, 2013

Respectfully Submitted,

By: /s/ Daniel L. Warshaw

Daniel L. Warshaw

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*Interim Lead Counsel Representative for Plaintiffs**

* A complete list of the attorneys for Plaintiffs is attached to the Amended Complaint.

Filer's Attestation

I, Tamerlin J. Godley, am the ECF user whose identification and password are being used to file this JOINT STATEMENT/STIPULATION AND [PROPOSED] SCHEDULING ORDER. I hereby attest that the counsel listed above concur in this filing.

Dated: February 28, 2013

/s/ Tamerlin J. Godley
Tamerlin J. Godley

1 PURSUANT TO THIS STIPULATION, IT IS SO ORDERED.
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Honorable Richard Seeborg
U.S. District Judge